

VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
SURVEY
2006



May 2006

Dear Village Resident,

We need your help. We need ten minutes of your time....

Over the next few years, the village of Trumansburg will be developing new zoning regulations. To do this properly, a Comprehensive Plan must first be created to responsibly guide our community's cultural integrity and economic viability, as well as to direct the zoning process. Development of the Comprehensive Plan will give you an opportunity, as a resident of the Village, to help guide Trumansburg into the future. Two earlier plans were not adopted by the Village; the 1977 "General plan for the Village of Trumansburg" and the 1992 "General Development Plan". We, the members of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, are writing to ask you and members of your household to complete the enclosed survey that we have very carefully prepared. If more than one person in your household would like to fill out the survey, feel free to photocopy the enclosed survey, download it from the web site, or pick up extra copies in the brochure rack on the front porch of the Village hall.

This committee is comprised of Village residents who range in age between their early twenties and early sixties; some members are long-time residents, others are raising families, some are business people, while some are all of these. Working closely with Crystal Buck, Senior Planner for Tompkins County and Village Trustee David Filiberto, the committee has created general survey questions about key issues.

Your input is a critical part of creating a viable future for the village of Trumansburg. This is the time to share your thoughts about living here. You are invited to be a part of the public process. You are welcome to attend our meetings—please check out the meeting schedule at < www.Trumansburg.ny.us >—and review our meeting agendas and work plan.

Please submit your completed survey by Monday, June 5th to the Village office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

2006 Comprehensive Plan Committee Members: Patricia Burgevin, Bill Chaisson, Jonathan Cook, Bill Connor, Deirdre Cunningham, Don Ellis, David Filiberto, Ben Guthrie, Jim Martin, Suzi Munoz, Erin Reynolds, Don Schlather, Christopher Thomas and Michelle Wright

Village of Trumansburg Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

1. For each of the services listed below, please *check off* whether you think the existing level of service should be **INCREASED** (with an increase in taxes or charges), the existing level of service is **APPROPRIATE**, or the level of service should be **DECREASED** (with a decrease in taxes or charges).

SERVICE	Increase	Appropriate	Decrease
Street Maintenance			
Snow Plowing			
Police Protection			
Fire Protection			
Rescue			
Sidewalk Construction			
Street Lights			
Street Trees			
Library			
Recreational Facilities			
Recreational Programs			
Youth Programs			
Public Transit			

2. Please indicate whether the following issues in the village are (1) **VERY IMPORTANT**, (2) **SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT**, (3) **NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT**, (4) **SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT**, (5) **VERY UNIMPORTANT** or (6) **DON'T KNOW**

Range of housing options	_____
Housing for seniors	_____
Historic preservation	_____
Bike and or pedestrian paths	_____
Preserving green space	_____
Establish a recreational area along creeks	_____
Streetscape improvement	_____
Aesthetic appeal of highway entrances into village	_____

3. Please **CIRCLE** the **ONE** most important activity or service you would like to see the community doing for kids:

- 1 Provide Public Park with playground (swings, slide, etc.).
- 2 Provide a skateboard park.
- 3 Designate a recreation area along the creeks and streams.
- 4 Develop after-school activities outside of the school system.
- 5 Nothing. There are plenty of activities and services for kids.
- 6 OTHER _____

4. Please CIRCLE ONE. How important is it for the value of your property to keep pace with other properties in Tompkins County and surrounding areas?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 2 MODERATLY IMPORTANT
- 3 UNIMPORTANT
- 4 NOT AN ISSUE

5. On a scale from 1 to 5, do you believe Trumansburg is changing for the better or worse?

BETTER **NOT CHANGING** **WORSE**
 1 2 3 4 5

WHY? _____

To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement. Please CIRCLE ONE response.

6. 'To preserve both the natural and architectural features of the Village landscape, the Village should invest time and money.'

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 4 SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
- 2 SOMEWHAT AGREE
- 5 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 3 NEITHER DISAGREE NOR AGREE
- 6 DON'T KNOW

7. Where do the members of your household currently work?

	At Home	Trumansburg	Ithaca	Lansing	Elsewhere in Tompkins County	Out of County	Not Applicable
Adult 1							
Adult 2							
Teen 1							
Teen 2							

8. How important should the role of tourism be in our local economy?

- 1 VERY IMPORTANT
- 4 SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT
- 2 SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT
- 5 VERY UNIMPORTANT
- 3 NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT
- 6 DON'T KNOW

9. Please rank each of the following reasons why you live in Trumansburg:
 (1) VERY IMPORTANT, (2) SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT, (3) NEITHER
 IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT, (4) SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT,
 (5) VERY UNIMPORTANT or (6) DON'T KNOW.

REASON	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEITHER	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW
My job is here						
Village in a rural setting						
Historic character						
Walkability						
Access to public transportation						
Family grew up here						
Quality schools						
Quiet neighborhoods						
Affordable housing						
Proximity to State Parks and National Forest						
Proximity to Ithaca						
Proximity to agricultural land						
Vibrant Main Street						
Sense of community						
Aesthetic Qualities (tree- lined streets, creek)						
Other:						

10. What type of commercial development would you like to INCLUDE or AVOID in the Village's future? (Circle INCLUDE or AVOID for each)

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|----|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Businesses centered on tourism | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 2 | Neighborhood retail services | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 3 | Fast food restaurants | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 4 | Other restaurants | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 5 | Light industrial and manufacturing | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 6 | Gas station and convenience store | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 7 | Farmer's Market | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 8 | Chain stores | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 9 | Home occupations | INCLUDE | AVOID |
| 10 | Other _____ | INCLUDE | AVOID |

Comment further on any of the above

To what extent do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement.
Please CIRCLE ONE response.

11. 'I would like to see the Village pursue renewable municipal energy options.'

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 | STRONGLY AGREE | 4 | SOMEWHAT DISAGREE |
| 2 | SOMEWHAT AGREE | 5 | STRONGLY DISAGREE |
| 3 | NEITHER DISAGREE
NOR AGREE | 6 | DON'T KNOW |

12. Please indicate whether you would like to see MORE, LESS, or NO CHANGE for the following land uses:

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|---|----------------------------------|------|------|-----------|
| 1 | Residential development | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 2 | Commercial development | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 3 | Agricultural use | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 4 | Starter homes for young families | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 5 | Senior housing | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 5 | Public green space | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |
| 6 | Other _____ | MORE | LESS | NO CHANGE |

13. Should new commercial development be **ALLOWED** or **NOT ALLOWED** to extend beyond existing commercial districts (example: neighborhoods next to downtown)? **CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE**

- 1 Not allowed.
- 2 Allowed, but with **strict** limitations (example: limit number of employees, limited hours of operation, or require a fence or landscaped buffer.)
- 3 Allowed, but with **moderate** limitations (example: limit lighting and signage, or require design that 'blends into' residential area)
- 4 Allowed, but with **some** limitations on the type or size of businesses
- 5 Allowed, with no limitations.
- 6 Don't know.

14. About how often do you do the following in Trumansburg?

CATEGORY	3 or more times per week	1 or 2 times per week	3 or more times per month	Once per month	Less than once per month	Never
Grocery Shopping						
Convenience Foods						
Clothing and Apparel						
Drug Store						
Barber and Beauty Shop						
Hardware and Garden Supply						
Medical						
Dental						
Other Professional Services						
Auto Supplies and Repair						
Entertainment						
Health Club						
Day Care						
Eat in Restaurant						
Take Out Food						
Use Post Office						
Use Library						

PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF - FEEL FREE TO SKIP ANY QUESTION IN WHICH YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE ANSWERING

Please CIRCLE the most appropriate answer.

What is your present age?

- | | |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1 UNDER 25 YEARS | 4 65+ YEARS |
| 2 18-44 YEARS | |
| 3 45-64 YEARS | |

Which best describes your education level?

- 1 SOME HIGH SCHOOL
- 2 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
- 3 SOME COLLEGE
- 1 TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL
- 2 COLLEGE GRADUATE
- 3 POST GRADUATE

Which best describes your HOUSEHOLD'S annual gross income?

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 LESS THAN \$25,000 | 4 100,000 – 149,000 |
| 2 \$25,000-49,999 | 5 MORE THAN \$150,000 |
| 3 50,000-99,999 | |

What is your household size?

- 1 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5 or More

How long have you lived in the Village?

- 1. less than 1 year
- 2. 1 – 5 years
- 3. 6- 10
- 4. 11- 20
- 5. more than 20

THANK YOU

COMPLETED SURVEYS MAY BE RETURNED TO
DROP BOXES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Trumansburg ShurSave

Trumansburg Big M

Trumansburg Tompkins Trust Company

Ulysses Philomathic Library

Or

Trumansburg Village Hall

If you prefer, you may mail the survey back to the Village
Offices; fold the survey so that the return address is visible;
tape closed and place postage in the space provided.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

**PLEASE
PLACE
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HERE**

RETURN TO:

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